

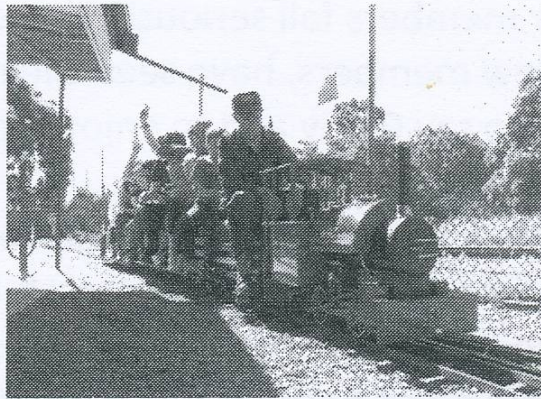


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014/15

I would like to thank, all members of SASMEE for the opportunity of being your president in the past year. 2014/15 has seen 2 deaths from our membership – Grant Tunn and Gordon Myles. We have also seen a number of our members fall seriously ill and with the support of fellow members, have seen their return high in spirit, eager to say G'day and to enjoy the fellow camaraderie SASMEE has to offer.

SASMEE members participate in all areas to help to make those public field days very successful and produces a fine display of entertainment for the public to enjoy, and are going home with smiles on their faces to spread the word, thru word of mouth and social media.

The Royal Adelaide show had 2 new classes of Model Engineering trains – whether it was steam or diesel it was very well represented by SASMEE members and a display which was admired by many people and hopefully inspires one person to join our ranks as model engineers.

Our yearly luncheon went to the Feathers Hotel, which was very well attended with about 60 members and partners.

Our Xmas barbeque was very well attended with over 100 members and their families until the early hours of the next day.

Our January interclub run was well attended by all the visiting clubs and the many kind words offered as it was the place to have a cuppa, a chat and a train ride.

It's fabulous to see the large number of SASMEE members who attended the AALS convention at Penfield Model Engineers and it was surprising to see that SASMEE is still winning awards at the AALS convention with four of our members receiving one, and it also shows that we are still actively building new trains and promoting the hobby. The awards won, were

- Sydney Society of Model Engineers Trophy – Most Popular Locomotive – Allan Wallace
- Bolton Trophy – Best Australian Prototypical – Bob Smith
- Warner Award – Steam Locomotive built by the owner – Graeme Driscoll
- SASMEE Award – Best Non Steam Australian Prototypical Locomotive – John Monte

Our post convention run had over 100 people enjoy the day with the last to leave at 6.30pm.

This year Our Safety Valve Run had many trains running into the night and the evening meal at the Millswood Bowls club was enjoyed by all.

The first half of 2015 has seen record breaking Public field Days with over 700 plus members of the public come in to have as many as possible rides on as many different trains possible.

After 3 years of negotiating The Unley Council is nearing a decision to name the laneway to give us an address and also to be located. Watch out for news to come.

During this past year, a member came with the introduction of a participation system to be able to provide all the required assistance for repairs and to the running of public field days. Since the introduction, unsure of its success, it has been overwhelming as many members have communicated to me, thanking for their reinvolvement.

I would like to thank the following Ladies and Gentlemen, as all of these people help in the canteen on public field days and make our lunch more appealing and on some of the public field days these people do not get much of a rest.

Jackie Monte, Toni Offler, Lyn Leslie, Nicki Mere, Chris Lyas, Shirley Mundy (cookie), Dawn Schaefer, Jill Smith, Libby Foster, Sue Leslie, Margaret Coxon, Anne Hardy, Dorothy Ambler, Sandra Hill, Aaron Winter and Robert Ball.

I would like to give special thanks to Barry Dunstan; Barry has been our truck inspector and also our 7.25" per way officer for the past 25 years and due to mobility issues finds these tasks difficult. Barry has always strived for the best and has always been a help wherever it was needed. Barry has also been a wealth of information in many past issues and has always been an active member especially with his own loco.

I would like to thank all the members who came along to the working bees as so much has been made, fixed, painted, repaired, laid down, spoken about and just have a cuppa over. Life is easier when many hands are on deck. Thank you

I would like to thank the committee, for all the work achieved and the decisions made along the way. I would also like to thank John Foster, a person of all talents, The Wednesday working bee supervisor, currently working on the regulations and when I was down with health issues, John was there picking up my pieces like a true gentleman and giving all the support to make this past year truly a success. I would also like to thank the rest of the committee, not for just being on committee, but for being on call and approachable anytime.

Quote from Maya Angelou

I've learned that people will forget what you said,
People will forget what you did,
But people will never forget how you made them feel.

Remember, we are people with the same passion,
coming to one place, enjoying each others company and
passion as well. The camaraderie is alive and well.

Thanks

John Monteodorisio

COMING ACTIVITIES

Members keep in mind the following club activities in the coming months.

Public Field Days. 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month except December when we have our Christmas party on the 3rd Saturday of December.

Club Show of Work. After the General Meeting on 10th November. Bring your models complete or in build to show our members.

Club Annual Dinner. To be held at the Buckingham Arms at 12 noon 22nd November. A deposit of \$20-00 to be paid to the Treasurer to reserve your place.

Club Christmas Party. Held at SASMEE Park on Saturday 18th December starting at about 2PM and going till late. Free evening meal and tea, coffee, soft drinks, bring your models and have a play day. Immediate family welcome.

General Meeting 12th January 2016. No meeting is held and we have a play night. This is a chance to get together after the Christmas break and have some fun to start the year.

Public Field Day Sunday 5th July 2015-07-07

A fine winter's afternoon with temperatures approaching 17°C for most of the time encouraged about 460 people to attend. Again the attendance was constant all afternoon rather than the large queues we previously experienced. Perhaps opening at 1-30 has taken away the pressure to get through the gate. A good turn up of members with 40 present providing eight locos, ten boats and three G gauge locos.

We have had some changes of loco ownership in the club with some of the long members selling their locos to newer members. Ian Foster has purchased John Lewis's Sevenplex and Michael Offler Bert Franchise's Tall-y-Llyn.

As well as the model operators numerous members were engaged in operating our facilities with Ralph Ollerenshaw, John Weidenhofer and Bernie Dickenson in the steam house. The 5" (SASMEE) Station was manned by John Culshaw, David Walton, and Mark Coxon. Millswood (&1/4") Station was manned by Greg Weaver, Arron Winter, and Peter Hoy.

The canteen had a very busy day keeping up with chips, hot dogs and hot drinks. A record sales day. Jackie Monteodorisio, Margaret Coxon, Shirley Mundi, and Toni Offler, provided cheerful service to the customers.

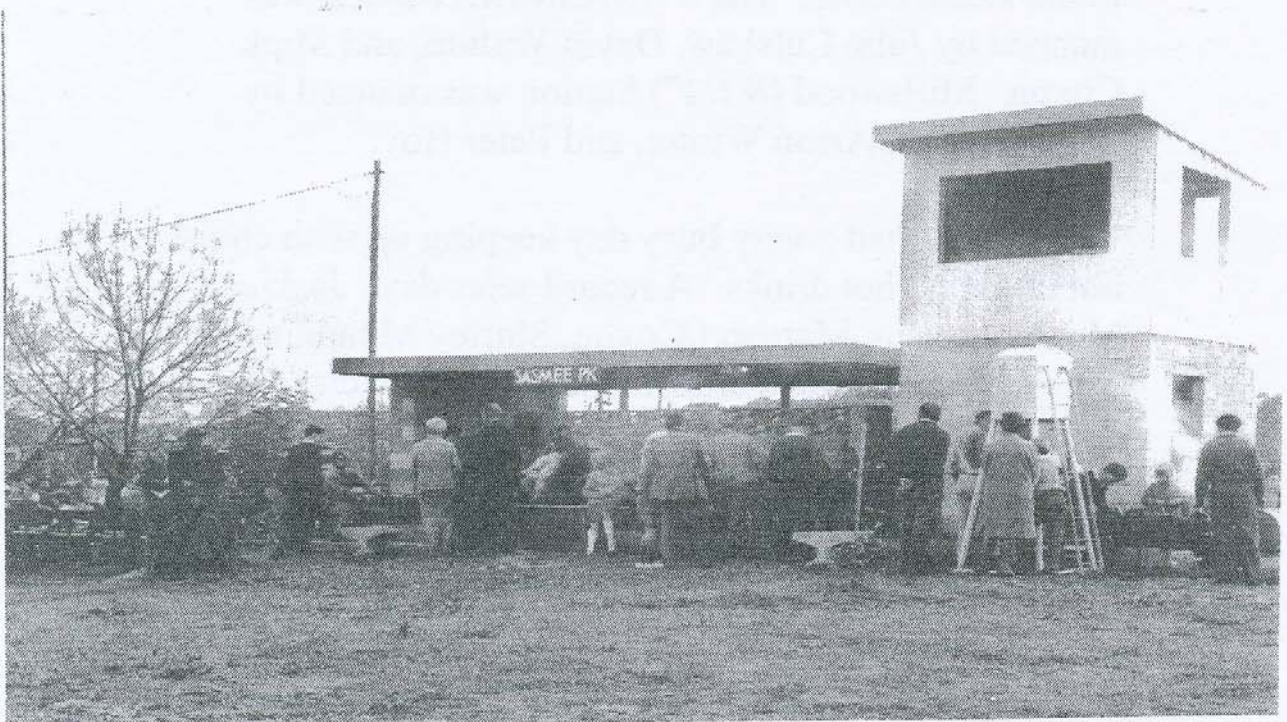
Safety Officer was Michael Offler and John Beal assisted by David Hawkins collected money and issues tickets at the gate.

The Sunday field day brought out an extensive range of enjoyable items for the public, namely,
Four off 71/4" locos driven by,
Josh Driscoll, Bert Francis teamed with John Lyas, Grant Bolton and Ian Foster.

The 4 off 5" locos featured John Monteodorisio, Graham Driscoll Trevor Hill and Terry Trezise.
All the above kept the public moving.

The boat fraternity were out in force. **12 water craft** put on a display, Captained by,
John Shelton, Stan Shelton, Jeff During, John Foster, Michael Ambler, Michael Priest and Allan Saunders.

Always a crowd puller amongst the younger ones is the garden railway. The **G gauge** group comprised ,
Max Shuard and Michael Moyse. 3 locos were on the track.



5" Track Improvement

The 5" track adjacent to the Croquet Courts has been since ground level tracks were implemented higher than its support base. In the event of a derailment with a carriage tipping a possibility of injury existed. Between 19th July and 1st August a team lead by President John Monteodorisio removed the excess material from under the line, fitted new sleepers to the line and placed new ballast. Helping John were Ian Foster, Greg Weaver, Max Shuard, Ian Hand, Jeff During, and John Foster. Many thanks fellows but most thanks must go to John Monteodorisio who was there each working day while the rest of us were more irregular.

Public Field Day 2nd August 2015

I think we all turned up thinking what a miserable day, we will be lucky to get 20 people through the gate. Come lunch time and the skies cleared and we ended with just fewer than 400 people through the gate including three parties. Our membership was a bit down with only 35 present. I think many may probably have looked out the window early morning and thought "what is the point".

Locos providing rides were,

Jack and Junior, kitson Meyer, Heisler, Daisy, T214 and Apprentice.

Sevenplex, Eudlo, Highlander and Ivan.

The pond featured,

Turbo, Wave Rider, FireFly, Waterjet, Hovercraft, No5, Dragon fly, MV Treglisson, Elke and Club Boat.

The O/G gauge featured a Sante Fe Budd RDC, Thomas and William.

Canteen

The canteen was staffed by Jackie Monteodorisio, Nicki Mere, Toni Offler, Jill Smith and Shirley Mundi. Many thanks Ladies.

Steam House

Keeping the steam up were Ralph Ollerenshaw, John Weidenhofer, and Peter Hoy.

Duty Safety Officer was Trevor Hill

Ticket Gate was serviced by Michael Offler assisted by John Monteodorisio.

5" Station was managed by John Culshaw, Ainslie Cuthbertson, John Mere and Milton Smith.

71/4" station was attended by Bruce Smith and Greg Weaver, Michael Moyse and David Hawkins.

Many thanks to all those who pitched in to make the afternoon a success.

Public Field Day Sunday 6th September 2015-09-14

With the Royal Show and Football games in progress we expected a small attendance but were pleased to have about 250 people through the gate. This is a comfortable number which allows all the visitors numerous rides.

Member attendance was 36.

We had 6 locos, 12 boats and 6 O/G gauge models operating. Included in the boats were two visitors from

the Adelaide 72 Group. That Group is represented in all states and construct models to 1:72 scales. Our visitors were Jim Warren (SA President) and Brenton Tancock. A standing invitation to this group to attend our Public Field Days was extended by the Vice-President.

Motive power comprised,

5" Track,

Jack and Junior, John Monteodorisio.

Kitson Meyer. Graeme Driscoll.

0-6-0 Speedy. Allan Wallace.

Steeplecab 239. Michael Moyse.

T214. Bryan Homann.

7 1/4" Track.

351 Club loco SMEE . Rod O' donohoe.

Boats.

Thunderbolt. John Shelton.

Wave Rider. John Shelton.

Twister. John Shelton.

Perkasa MTB. Stan Shelton.

N0 5. John Foster.

Dragonfly. John Foster.

Pride of Firth, Bob Smith.

Mila Launch. Michael Offler.

Air Sea Rescue. Michael Offler.

Club Boat. Austin Stranger.

HMAS Vampire. . Jim Warren

HMAS Parramatta 111 Brenton Tancock

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O/G Gauge.

Edgard. 0-4-0 +Tender and 2 cars.

Ruby. 2-4-2 + Tender and 2 cars.

SAR 350 1:32.

Hunslet. 1:13.7

Diesel. 1:13.7 x 2

SAR 351.

Great Western, "Grange"

Max Shuard.

Max Shuard.

Alan Beaumont.

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Alan Beaumont.

Fred Gold.

Public Field Day, Saturday 19th September.

A very pleasant and warm spring afternoon attracted about 300 people to SASMEE Park. This being a comfortable number, multiple rides were available to all. Member attendance was 44 which provided sufficient operating staff and some relief drivers for the locos.

We had 11 locos and 9 boats in attendance.

Unfortunately, no O/G Gauge.

Canteen

The canteen was staffed by Jackie Monteodorisio, Dawn Schafer, Toni Offler, Shirley Mundi and Lynn Leslie.

Steam House.

Keeping the steam up was Ralph Ollerenshaw, and John Weidenhofer.

Duty Officer was John Foster.

Ticket gate was serviced by John Monteodorisio assisted by Andrew Christopherson.

5" Station was managed by John Culshaw, Rod O`donohoe and Len Redway. **7 ¼" station** was attended by Bruce Smith.

SASMEE SHOW TIME

At our Field day on the 15th August, John Monte said that there are 11 entries at The Royal Adelaide Show (in the Model Engineering category) and we have been asked if we could supply Members to talk to the public about our hobby. It was decided to have 2 persons each day for company and help if it got busy.

A quick trip around the Club gave nearly the required 20 persons with some checking on which day they could attend. The criteria being that there are 2 people each day & they attend from around 9.00 AM to about 4.00PM.

The volunteers were Ralph Ollerenshaw, Bernie Dickenson, John & Jackie Monteodorisio, Trevor Morcom, Jeff Schaefer, Austin LeStrange, Michael Offler, John Foster, Jeff During, Bill Coles, Bryan Homann, David Walton, Allan Wallace, Greg Weaver, Max Shuard, Jack Soames, Andrew Mathews, Josh Driscoll and Simon Huntington.

John Davey & Michael Moyse volunteered but had to withdraw for personal reasons.

The volunteers were given a ticket, a map of the Showgrounds, a copy of the roster and a brief description of each model.

The Club provided an endless supply of flyers about SASMEE and our field days to be handed to interested members of the public.

The models are entered in either a Steam or Diesel Class, irrespective of their gauge, with Awards made for the best in each Class with a Best Overall award.

The diesel outline models entered were;

- 3.5" g SAR "Lady Norrie" 900class diesel loco by Bob Smith
- 5" g "Smiley" freelance narrow gauge diesel loco by Ian Hand
- 5" g "Daizy" freelance diesel loco by Michael Offler

5" g "Mystery Machine" a freelance fun machine by Trevor Hill

5" g "Rio Tinto" ES44DCis class diesel loco by Mathew Leslie.

Awarded 1st Prize

7.25" g LMS "1831" diesel shunting loco by Jeff Schaefer.

Awarded 2nd Prize

7.25' g "J" narrow gauge diesel shunting loco by Jackie

Monteodorisio. Awarded 3rd Prize

The live steam models entered were;

7.25" g "Jens" narrow gauge steam loco by Bill Coles.

3.5" g "Maisie" 4-4-2 mainline steam loco by Ian Thomas.

3" scale "Allchin" traction engine by Trevor Morcom. Awarded 1st Prize & Best Overall Exhibit

5" g SAR "T class" 4-8-0 narrow gauge goods loco & tender by Bryan Homann. Awarded 2nd Prize

5" g LMS "Black Five" 4-6-0 express steam loco & tender by Alan Wallace. Awarded 3rd Prize.

5" g "Jabiru" 0-6-0 steam shunting loco by John Monteodorisio. Awarded 4th prize.

Unfortunately 2 volunteers, Jeff During & Bryan Homann were struck down with colds but their offsidars battled on their own.

From all the reports received about the models and the conversations with our Members the Display was a great success and must raise a greater public awareness of our hobby & SASMEE in particular.

Of course the high light of the Display was Trevor's "Allchin" that had only been finished the day before & only run on compressed air. It was resplendent in its glossy Red Paint & Polished Brass.

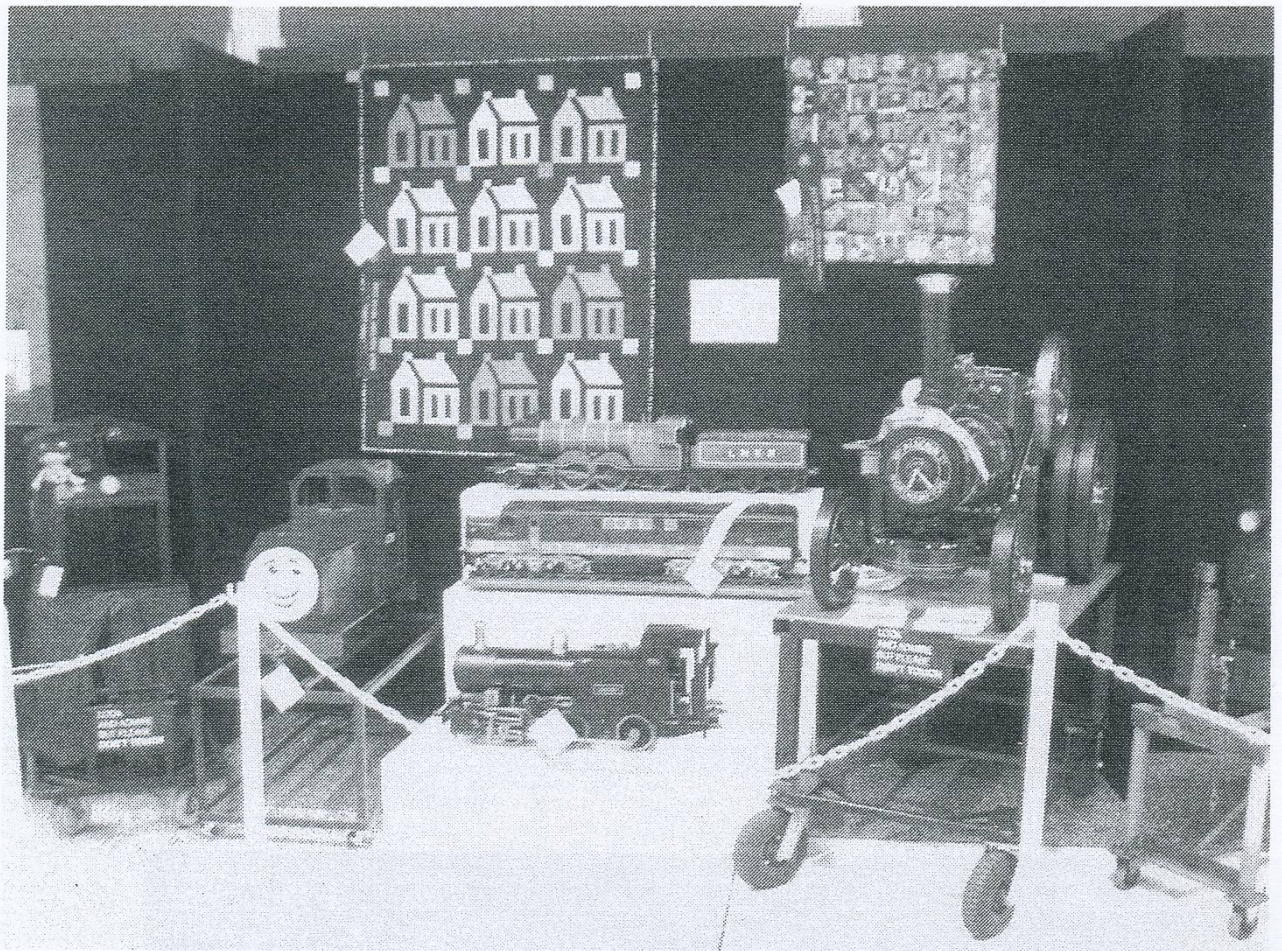
It will be great to see it trundling around SASMEE Park in the near future

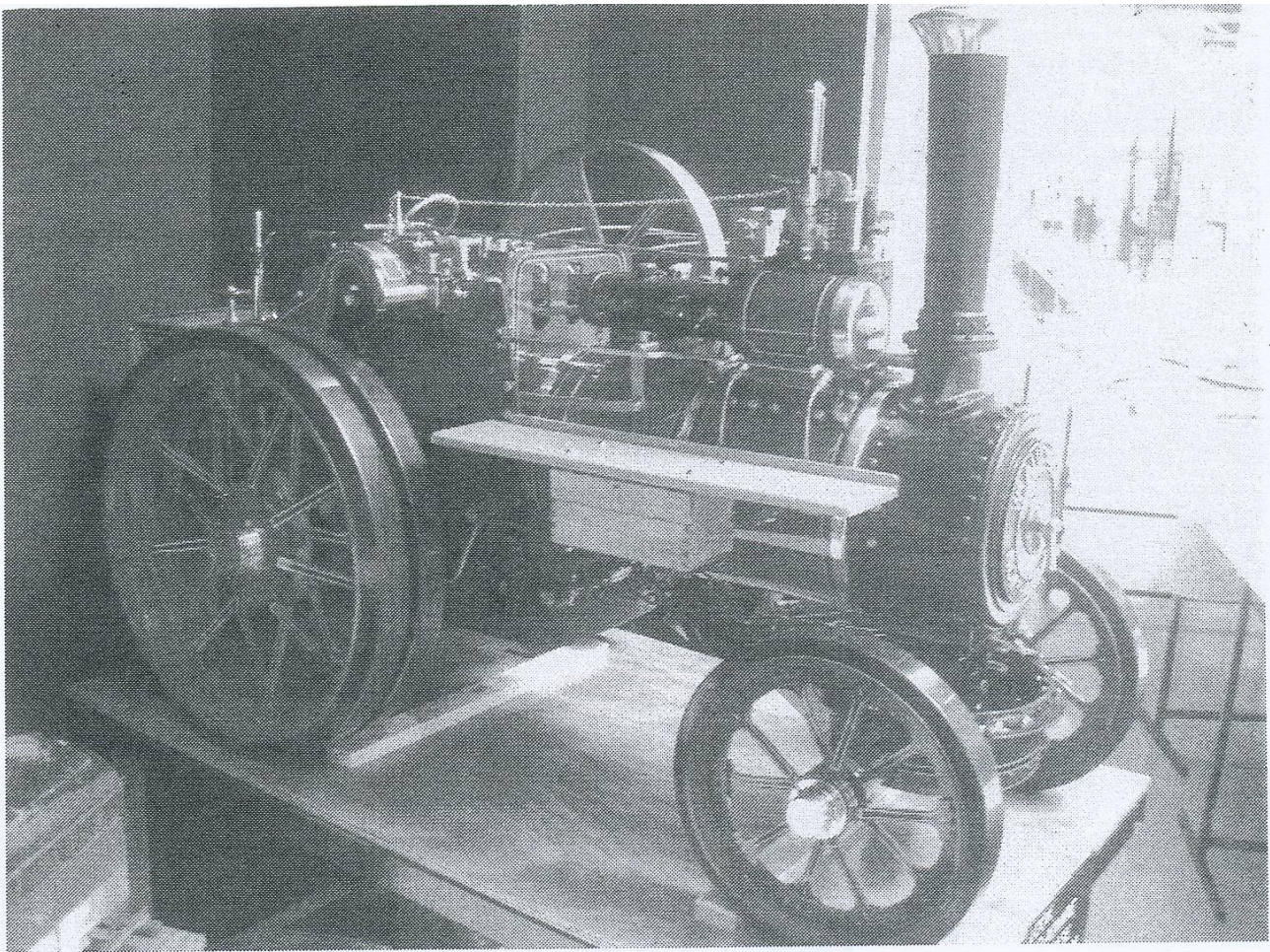
The Children would have voted for Toni Offler's "Daizy" with its whiskery face or Trevor Hill's "Mystery Machine" with Scooby Doo driving.

A thought for next year would be to have the other SA clubs join in and to make it more general model engineering including rolling stock.

Jeff Schaefer





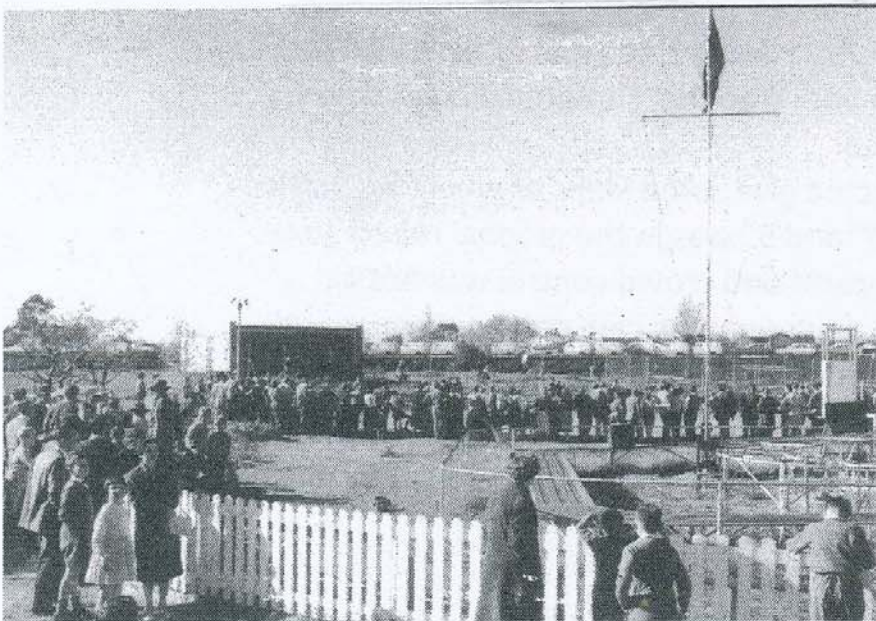
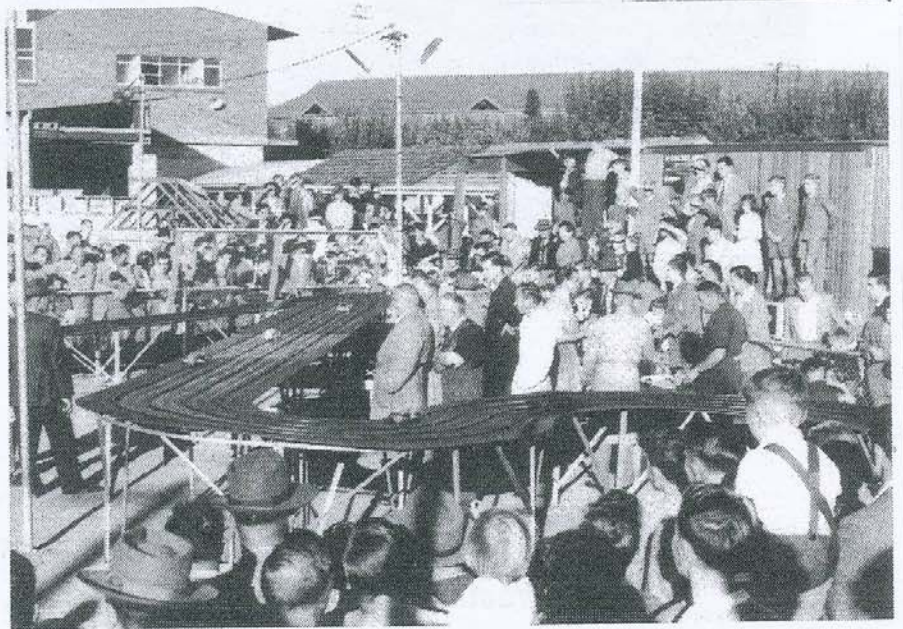


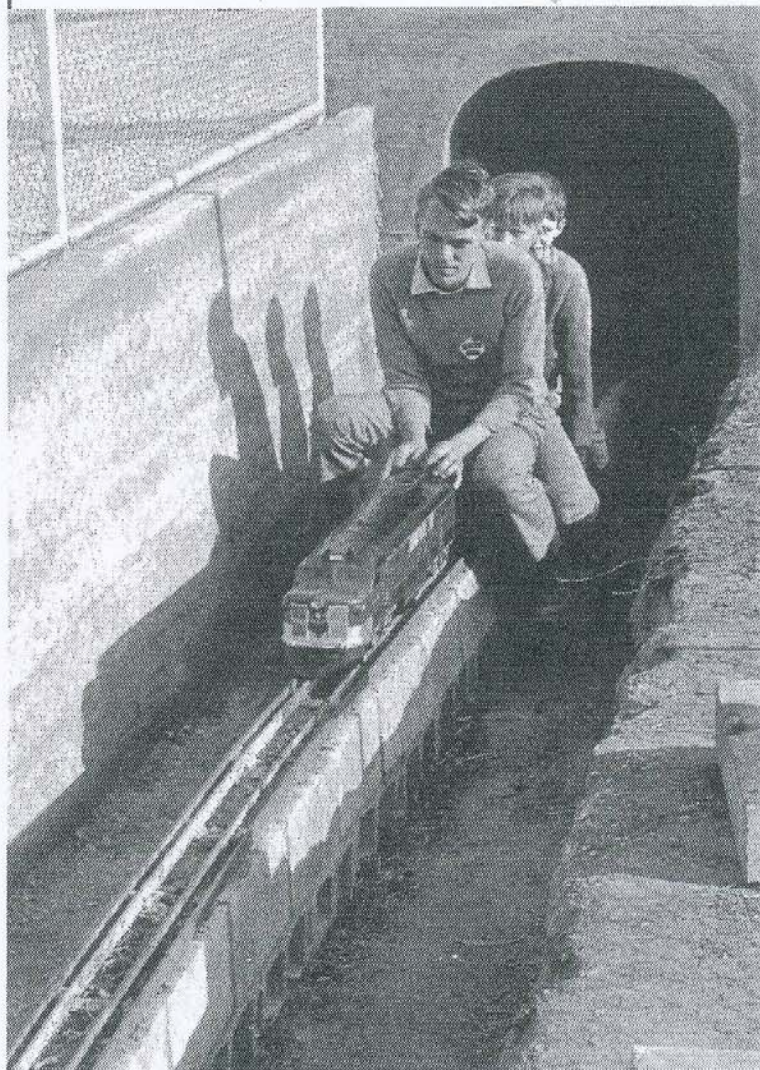
SASMEE HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

The club has been fortunate in being able to access a number of black and white photos depicting the clubs activities during the 50's. [note, this is the Editors` reckoning and stands correction].

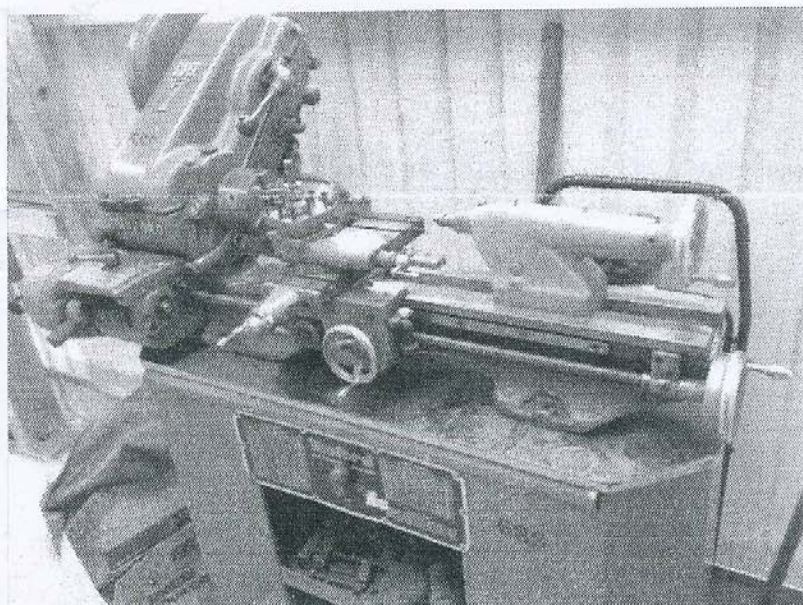
As can be seen from the few photos attached things have changed!! SASMEE PK. Station [see page 7] looks like they just planted the iron bark tree that threatens to fall down until recently cropped.

The few photos selected give some ideas of where we have come from. The 3 ½" and 5" was in the original raised state. The pond was unfenced!! and crowd control was not a priority. The petrol powered race cars drew a close crowd with viewing at a premium. Great to see a younger Bob Smith driving his 3 ½" g 900 class "Lady Norrie" emerging from the tunnel. It featured in the 175th Royal show.





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